

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 18, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 16, 2004 at 10:40 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2845.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 1350.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GERASIMOS C. VANS,
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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 18, 2004 at 9:58 a.m.:

That the Senate concurs in House Amendment S. 129.

That the Senate concurs in House Amendment S. 144.

That the Senate concurs in House Amendment S. 643.

That the Senate concurs in House Amendment S. 1194.

That the Senate concurs in House Amendment S. Con. Res. 135.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, which the Clerk will recite by number and, without objection, the respective titles will appear at this point in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

On Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

H.R. 1533, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts;

H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2714, to reauthorize the State Justice Institute;

H.R. 3858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of

pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation;

H.R. 4175, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4278, to amend the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4555, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards;

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5185, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965;

H.R. 5186, to reduce certain special allowance payments and provide additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans;

S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes;

S. 1368, to authorize the President to award a Gold Medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (Posthumously) and his widow, Coretta Scott King, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement;

S. 2195, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors;

S. 2864, to extend for eighteen months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted;

S. 2883, to amend the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to limit the tort liability of private entities or organizations that carry out responsibilities of the United States central authority under this act;

S. 2895, to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month;

S. 2896, to modify and extend certain privatization requirements of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962.

On Friday, October 15, 2004:

H.R. 712, for the relief of Richi James Lesley;

H.R. 867, for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan;

H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the armed services in elections for the delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2023, to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam;

H.R. 2984, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears;

H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on otherwise protected Area P25P;

H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River project;

H.R. 3478, to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration and to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission;

H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic site, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3797, to authorize improvements in the operations of the Government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4381, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, as the "Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building";

H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the "Sergeant Riayan A. Tejeda Post Office";

H.R. 4066, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4306, to amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual's eligibility for employment;

H.R. 4471, to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996;

H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4556, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the "General William Carey Lee Post Office Building";

H.R. 4579, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4618, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 4632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the "Archie Spigner Post Office Building";

H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program;

H.R. 4827, to amend the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 to rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area;

H.R. 4917, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the administrative conference of the United States for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 411 Midway Avenue in Mascotte, Florida, as the "Specialist Eric Ramirez Post Office";

H.R. 5039, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at United States Route 1 in Ridgeway, North Carolina, as the "Eva Holtzman Post Office";

H.R. 5051, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street in Ignacio, Colorado, as the "Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building";

H.R. 5107, to protect crime victims' rights to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5131, to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion

of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5133, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11110 Sunset Hills Road in Reston, Virginia, as the "Martha Pennino Post Office Building";

H.R. 5147, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23055 Sherman Way in West Hills, California, as the "Evan Asa Ashcraft Post Office Building";

H.R. 5294, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 57, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the contributions of the seven Columbia astronauts by supporting establishment of a Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center;

S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965;

S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes;

S. 2292, to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

On Wednesday, October 20, 2004:

H.R. 3819, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad;

S. 129, to provide for reform relating to Federal employment, and for other purposes;

S. 144, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide assistance to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate noxious weeds on public and private land;

S. 643, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 1194, to foster local collaborations which will ensure that resources are effectively and efficiently used within the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

(Mr. COX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COX. Madam Speaker, this year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Republican Party. Over a century and a half from the abolition of slavery to the establishment of women's suffrage to the liberation of millions of people in the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, and Iraq, the Republican Party has been the most effective political organization in the history of the world in advancing the cause of freedom.

So that all of us can learn more about the achievements of this fundamentally American institution in its 150th anniversary year, the House Republican Policy Committee has published the 2005 Republican Freedom Calendar. Each day the Republican Freedom Calendar lists an important milestone in the Republican Party's history of advancing freedom and the civil rights of every American.

On this day in 1948, we mourned the death of California Republican woman from my home State, Florence Kahn, the first Jewish woman to serve in the United States House of Representatives, who paved the way by her service for many more Jewish women who have followed.

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She was a Member of Congress from San Francisco from 1925 to 1937.

Madam Speaker, the 2005 Republican Freedom Calendar is available on the Internet at policy.house.gov.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY SPECIALIST RAYMOND L. WHITE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, the Bible tells us if you owe debts, pay debts; if honor, then honor; if respect, then respect. I rise humbly today to pay a debt of honor and respect to Army Specialist Raymond L. White of Elwood, Indiana.

On November 12, 2004, Ray lost his life while fighting to defend America and liberate Iraq. His convoy, with the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, Texas, was ambushed this last Friday by 30 insurgents while traveling near Baghdad to meet with local community leaders.

Ray died, according to all of his superiors and all of those present, courageously providing cover to protect his fellow soldiers. While there were injuries, there were no casualties as a result of his self-sacrifice. His bravery saved the lives of each of his men.

Ray was a hero who believed in this great Nation. As his father recounted to me yesterday, Ray recently told his mother, "It is my patriotic duty, mom."